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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 4, 2005 (Paper No. 20050918), and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116, the period for response to which extends through January 4, 2006, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.